

~~Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended, with no further action required by the General Assembly, [Sections 3 and] SECTION 4 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. If comparable prescription drug benefits are provided by Medicare under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall notify the Department of Legislative Services, 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 not later than 90 days before prescription drug benefits are to be provided.~~

**Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2001**

~~SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001. On the earlier of the end of June 30, 2003, or the availability of comparable prescription drug benefits provided by Medicare under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended, with no further action required by the General Assembly, [Sections 3 and] SECTION 4 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. If comparable prescription drug benefits are provided by Medicare under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall notify the Department of Legislative Services, 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 not later than 90 days before prescription drug benefits are to be provided.~~

**Chapter 134 of the Acts of 2001, as amended by Chapter 153 of the Acts of 2002**

SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001. [On] IT SHALL REMAIN EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS AND, AT THE END OF June 30, [2003] 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 3 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

**Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2001, as amended by Chapter 153 of the Acts of 2002**

SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001. [On] IT SHALL REMAIN EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS AND, AT THE END OF June 30, [2003] 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 3 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ June 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 22, 2003

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